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MARCH 2001 NEWSLETTER

The other day in my reverie which comes to me more often as I get older. I got to thinking about how the people who live here now don't realize what a gravy - train they are on - and I wonder if the pendulum swung back, how they would cope. We used to have much more severe winters here and the earth would be frozen down for 6" or more for weeks at a time. The roads were unpaved, rough and rocky so that with the normal wear and tear of usage there were large "chuck - holes" that filled with water, then froze and sometimes thawed or more rain came, in any case the puddles did not dry up until late spring when the earth itself thawed.

It was these rocky roads I was thinking about, because just by being there they created a hazard.

Kids walked to and from school rain or shine. Since they were all dismissed at once a force association was their lot, like it or not.

This meant that the "Hatfields and the McCoys" were "walking - mates" so to speak.

It only follows that kids threw rocks. This may seem strange to today's kids but the last words of our Mothers were, "Now don't you go throwing rocks."

Sometimes the "why not's" of this advice were brought home to us by physical evidence, like the time Bussy Clute hit my sister Edith in the head with a large three cornered rock that cut a gash in her scalp, just as she was reaching under Ellise's fence to get herself a better rock.

One thing about a scalp - wound it does bleed.

Of course we were all used to the skinned knee or cut finger syndrome - but this gushing blood out of my sisters' head into her blonde curls scared us all. There were about five of us in this group and feeling totally helpless we all began to cry.

Edith was crying from fright and pain - but nature being what it is her blood soon clotted and we went on home.

It was awhile tho before we got back into much rock - throwing.

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The March 17th meeting will be at Myrtle Krouse's home at 10:00 A.M.. The address is: 15911 N. Applegate Rd. , phone 846-6544.

Hope this finds everyone staying warm and healthy. It seems like we are headed for a dry summer unless we get more snow up on the mountains. The ground is dry about 7" down. We need the moisture.

Congratulations to Marge Martin of Gold Hill on winning our quilt. Now she has a nice blanket to keep warm with.

The History Writer that was to be at the January meeting had some compilations and was unable to attend. We have rescheduled her for the March meeting. So those of you that thought you missed it, didn't. Bring your note pad and pencil.

We are in hopes to get things going soon at the museum. There is some ground maintenance things that need to be done before we open.

Any of you out there that have some things that we could borrow to display let either Myrtle 846-6544 or Barbara 846-7635 know.

Myrtle and I have been attending the county museum meetings and at this time we are looking at the budget problems.

Don't forget your notebook and pencil for the **MARCH 17th MEETING** at Myrtle Krouse's at 10:00 A.M..

See you there.

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